

Total Life Choices

Advance Directives Project



Mission of Total Life Choices

A Project of the New York Legal Assistance Group, Total Life Choices (TLC) enables individuals to take control of their health care choices in the event that illness or injury renders them unable to communicate. By promoting the use of and electronic storage of advance directives, TLC seeks to prevent situations where health care professionals are without clear instructions on individuals' preferences for medical care and families suffer undue stress because the whereabouts of advance directives are unknown.

Project Model

In partnership with the U.S. Living Will Registry, TLC serves as a no-fee, electronic database of advance directives (living wills and health care proxies) to be accessed by authorized representatives and medical professionals in determining the direction of medical care for those registered in the electronic database.

TLC staff provide trainings for medical and social services professionals and educational seminars for the general population about advance directives.

Once a living will and/or a health care proxy have been completed, a TLC attorney reviews them for legal sufficiency before scanning them into the secure online database. Each participating individual automatically receives an identification card with their unique password and instructions on accessing their advance directives, which they can share with their family and authorized representatives. If the individual is ever admitted to a medical facility and unable to communicate their wishes regarding medical care, medical professionals will be able to quickly obtain copies of their advance directives and administer medical care based on such directives.

Contact

For more information about advance directives or TLC, or to schedule a training for your community or staff contact 212.371.6873 or tlc@nylag.org. To initiate an attorney review of your completed advanced directives, please fax them to 212.750.0820. Advance directives and registration materials are available online at: www.nylag.org.

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